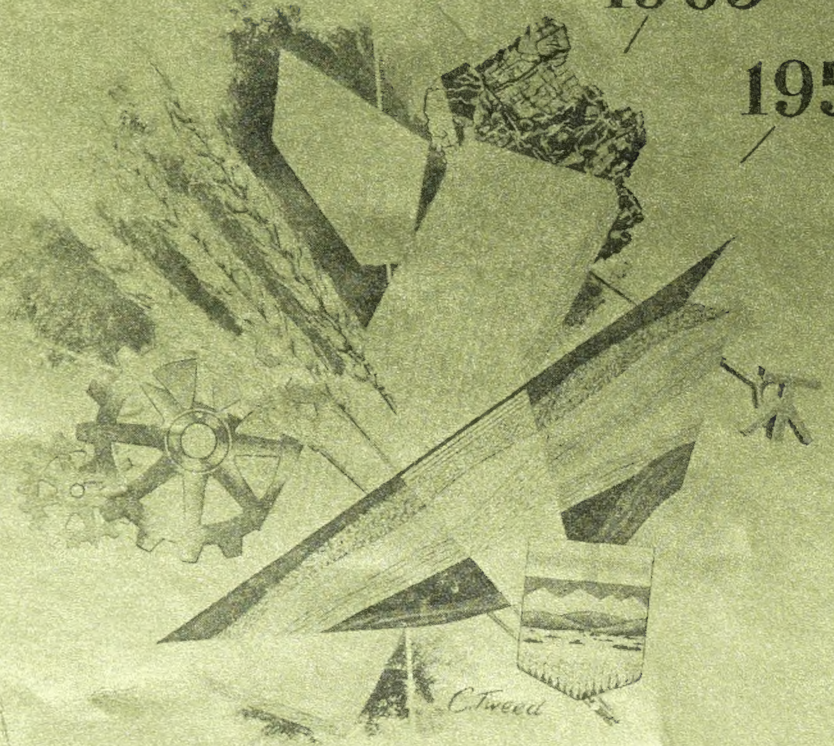
CA2 ALID 20
S73
1955 (MAR)

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE LIBRARY
3 3398 00412 9622

1905
1955



Alberta **GOLDEN** Jubilee

3

Summary of GENERAL STATISTICS

LEGISLATURE LIBRARY
APR 15 2015
EDMONTON

4

MARCH 1955

2L

BUREAU OF STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR

HON. N. A. WILLMORE	MINISTER
J. E. OBERHOLTZER	DEPUTY MINISTER

"Crest used courtesy of the Golden Jubilee Committee"

March 1955

STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

Compiled in the Statistics Division, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture
Based on Statistics Published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and
the Canada Department of Agriculture.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about January 1, 1955, they held 2,056.8 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, less than one percent above the 2,038.9 million available last year. Supplies by countries including on-farm stocks in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,092.2 (1,007.1); Canada, 616.0 (727.7); Argentina, 180.2 (146.6); and Australia, 168.4 (157.5).

Canada's exports of wheat and flour August 1 to December 31, 1954, were 117.2 million bushels compared to 121.1 in the same period in 1953. At the same time total exports from the major wheat exporting countries were 309.4 million bushels, some 9 per cent greater than the 284.2 recorded during August through December, 1953.

LIVESTOCK:

Canadian export shipments of livestock to the United States from January 1 to February 26, 1955, were down from shipments in the same period for 1954. Details (1954 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 478 (3,093); feeder cattle, 1,416 (2,030); dairy and purebred cattle, 4,399 (4,467); calves, 85 (102); hogs, 1,521 (1,278); and sheep, 145 (68).

Dressed meat exports to all countries (in pounds) were: beef, 1,209,228 (2,371,035); pork, 7,454,038 (5,733,875); and mutton and lamb, 3,914 (3,208).

The number of cattle, sheep and hogs in Alberta at December 1, 1954, showed an increase as compared to a year earlier. Details by classes follow:

	1953	1954	1954 as per cent of 1953
Total Cattle	1,773,000	1,868,000	105
Bulls	38,000	39,000	103
Cows for Milk	294,000	306,000	104
Cows for Beef	528,000	565,000	107
Heifers for Milk	73,000	77,000	106
Heifers for Beef	157,000	159,000	101
Steers	150,000	166,000	111
Calves	533,000	556,000	104
Total Sheep and Lambs	363,000	377,000	104
Sheep over one year	240,000	226,800	94
Lambs	123,000	150,200	122
Total Hogs	1,229,000	1,530,000	124
Under six months	871,000	1,000,000	115
Over six months	358,000	530,000	148
Total Horses	210,000	188,000	90

DAIRYING:

In the month of January, 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,210,072 pounds compared to 1,156,346 pounds in January, 1954, an increase of 4.6 per cent.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA.

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of January	6,602	8,079	2,041	621	2,142	3,044	137	195	44	54
Estimated Income from Grain:					- dollars per bushel -					
Per Bushel - January	1,14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.76[2]	0.91[3]	2.37[2]	2,70[3]
Income for:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of January	7,526	9,048	1,000	279	1,564	2,009	104	177	104	146
Payments on Canadian Wheat Board Participation Certificates:			- Nil -							
Total Income:										
Month of January	7,526	9,048	1,000	279	1,564	2,009	104	177	104	146

Summary Statement of Income from all grains including payments on Participation Certificates:

January 1954	$ 10,298,000
January 1955	$ 11,659,000

1. Estimated average Canadian Wheat Board initial payments.
2. Final estimated average value per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. January average of weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations, 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flax seed.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

JANUARY, 1955, Compared to JANUARY, 1954

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of January -								
Calgary - - - - - - - - - -	17.37	18.67	15.17	16.39	19.55	17.89	32.75	22.54
Edmonton - - - - - - - - - -	16.48	18.52	13.63	14.81	20.65	18.72	33.34	23.17
Lethbridge - - - - - - - - -	17.09	19.18	15.32	15.57	20.13	17.58	32.57	22.65

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio[*]

1933-53	1954	Dec.1953	Dec.1954	Jan.1955
21.5	26.2	30.4	19.1	17.9

Livestock Price Relationships[*]

	1933-53	1954	Dec.1953	Dec.1954	Jan.1955
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	74.5	97.4	103.6
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	82.8	95.9	104.7
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	90.0	101.5	98.9

---

[*] Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premiums.

[*] Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA.

JANUARY, 1955, COMPARED WITH JANUARY, 1954

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of January	44,676	50,903	6,650	7,560	12,803	20,051	114,861	159,018
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of January	2,641	4,046	685	689	265	313	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of January	42,035	46,857	5,965	6,871	12,538	19,738	114,861	159,018
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of January	2,430	2,396	790	766	195	145	2,383	2,370
Total Net Livestock Marketings:								
Month of January	44,465	49,253	6,755	7,637	12,733	19,883	117,244	161,388
Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of January	$ 6,138,800	6,607,300	405,300	446,300	233,600	359,500	6,213,900	5,805,100

Estimated total income from the Sale of Livestock:		1954	1955
	Month of January	$ 12,991,600	13,218,200

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2019 with funding from
Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Alberta Legislature Library

https://archive.org/details/summaryofgeneral00albe_29

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY (1953 and 1954) AND POULTRY (January 1954 and 1955)
PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,155	1,210	24,598	24,912	730	756	14,103	14,274
Dairy Butter	5	5	92	69	3	3	52	38
Milk for Cheese Making	1,848	1,309	30,690	28,402	51	32	707	648
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream ☆	9,424	10,142	140,706	138,900	273	284	3,901	3,822
Milk fcr Fluid Sales	17,158	18,702	194,599	206,155	798	866	8,841	9,368
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - - $					1,855	1,941	27,604	28,150

☆ Ice cream and fluid cream converted to Milk Basis.

	JANUARY		JANUARY	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dozen -		- dollars -	
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,468,000	1,597,000	432,000	445,000
	- pounds -			
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	255,000	221,000	98,000	56,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY - $			530,000	501,000

In 1953, 56.1 per cent of Alberta eggs and 35.4 per cent ofthe poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

			1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 4 (January)	1 9 5 5 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	29,787,749	27,999,604	- 6.00	2,265,934	2,479,691	9.43
	- Production	Barrels	3,457,643	2,955,788	- 14.51	229,238	230,414	.51
		Value $.	33,980,712	28,335,739	- 16.61	2,331,403	2,118,037	- 9.15
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	30,008,569	30,367,850	1.20	1,382,873	1,460,235	5.59
		Value $.	17,497,996	17,613,353	.66	843,553	890,743	5.59
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,789,608	2,579,623	- 7.53	167,999	120,339	- 28.37
		Value $.	926,708	864,173	- 6.75	56,280	39,110	- 30.51
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	30,248,404	31,895,513	5.45	2,065,505	2,328,031	12.71
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	116,141,679	121,453,717☆	4.57	10,253,838	10,113,043	- 1.37
	- Production -	Meat Lbs.	292,671,366	316,211,817	8.04	24,716,863	32,081,980	29.80
		Value $.	86,398,124	89,511,572	3.60	7,640,222	8,000,481	4.72
	- Exports -	Meat Lbs.	145,521,918	153,863,948	5.73	13,639,715	17,329,622	27.05
		Value $.	43,171,332	43,533,004	.84	4,216,036	4,322,008	2.51

☆ Revised.

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	5,917,423	4,859,136	- 17.88	650,786	479,075	- 26.39
		Value $.	32,158,435	26,349,275	- 18.06	3,459,308	2,546,074	- 26.40
Salt	Production	Tons	24,903	31,568	26.76	2,683	3,188	18.82
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	119,036,052	124,095,189	4.25	7,936,799	8,733,112	10.03
Propane	Production	Gallons	15,157,905☆	18,519,095☆	22.17	1,350,742	1,547,166	14.54
	Sales	Gallons	15,548,365☆	18,347,105☆	18.00	1,733,298	1,597,517	- 7.83
Butane	Production	Gallons	6,944,035☆	8,581,615☆	23.58	577,485	659,699	14.24
	Sales	Gallons	3,456,810☆	7,172,200☆	107.48	580,224	655,419	12.96
Sulphur	Production	Tons	18,295	22,320	22.00	2,117	2,753	30.04
	Sales	Tons	16,075	18,663	16.10	1,608	1,116	- 30.60
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,851,760	2,968,405	4.09	227,492	248,722	9.33
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	16,662,398	16,638,825	- .14	361,299	590,929	63.56
Cement	Production	Barrels	3,124,176	3,004,087	- 3.84	170,400	113,110	- 33.62
		Value $.	7,987,944	7,685,930	- 3.78	434,520	279,382	- 35.70
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	549,381	645,208	17.44	38,510	43,318	12.49
	Production	Tons	28,807	32,285	12.07	1,428	1,747	22.34
		Value $.	378,932	480,528	26.81	22,990	26,160	13.79

☆ Adjustment

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	76,816,383	87,713,855	14.19	7,614,112	8,621,742	13.23
	Value of Sales	$.	193,118,494	227,877,548	18.00	19,998,383	21,304,936	6.53
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	114,212,538	135,545,629	18.68	13,290,059	14,316,458	7.72
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	69,847,927	72,963,869	4.46	6,320,788	6,737,593	6.59
	Exports	Gallons	1,915,768,101	2,604,771,247	35.96	167,847,963	226,038,366	34.67
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production	Gallons	704,721,509	691,976,042	- 1.81	66,299,703	63,189,570	- 4.69
	Imports	Gallons	17,180,225	12,101,498	-29.56	1,503,671	563,714	-62.51
	Exports	Gallons	158,241,500	153,685,524	- 2.88	12,439,104	10,443,231	-16.05
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production	Barrels	602,368	673,564	11.82	60,881	73,072	20.02
	Value of Sales	$.	1,766,307	1,979,470	12.07	178,535	197,822	10.80

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, December, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

		1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Dec.0	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 4 (January)	1 9 5 5 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	411,091,000	354,016,000	- 13.88	64,882,000	81,970,000	26.34
	Value $.	16,443,600	14,160,600	- 13.88	2,595,300	3,278,800	26.34
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	20,044,000	17,761,000	- 11.39	3,387,000	4,071,000	20.19
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,492,729	1,270,049	- 14.92	161,194	384,460	138.51
	Value $.	1,447,172	1,190,886	- 17.71	113,422	295,476	160.51
		1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Feb.)	1 9 5 5 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	(February)	(February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Clearings	$.	601,883,211	763,613,782	26.87	275,364,824	366,206,406	32.99

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (December)	1 9 5 4 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Fisheries Production	Lbs.	10,838,705	8,820,210	- 18.62	-	-	-
	Value $.	1,085,898	1,149,502	5.86	-	-	-
Bank Debits (1)	$.	9,041,687,000	9,082,402,000	.45	799,234,000	841,544,000	5.29
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	43,314	30,933	- 28.58	2,992	2,278	-23.86
	Value $.	108,396,000	80,121,000	- 26.08	7,648,000	5,906,000	-22.78
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	17,107,281	14,441,294	- 15.58	1,324,162	1,289,787	- 2.60
Electric Power - Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	1,321,882,000	1,500,875,000	13.54	133,495,000	147,831,000	10.74

(1) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 12, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY, 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	4,972	4,093	- 17.68	156	161	3.21
	Value $.	42,121,154	46,729,742	10.94	2,064,709	2,034,835	- 1.45
EDMONTON	Number	7,085	7,699	8.67	147	190	29.25
	Value $.	55,023,816	68,329,716	24.18	366,550	3,566,998	873.13
LETHBRIDGE (* adjustment)	Number	709	821 *	15.80	27	19	- 29.63
	Value $.	7,429,441	9,028,681 *	21.53	154,294	105,350	- 31.72
MEDICINE HAT	Number	474	467	- 1.48	6	9	50.00
	Value $.	3,960,220	2,418,349	- 38.93	15,480	25,100	62.14
RED DEER	Number	393	379	- 3.56	2	6	200.00
	Value $.	3,885,250	3,780,300	- 2.70	1,350	6,800	403.70
DRUMHELLER (* Adjustment)	Number	65	63 *	- 3.08	3	-	-
	Value $.	133,045	311,773	134.34	1,090	-	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	134	133	- .75	-	1	-
	Value $.	1,279,840	621,030	- 51.48	-	500	-
CAMROSE	Number	258	163	- 36.82	8	-	-
	Value $.	2,012,448	1,550,980	- 22.93	62,500	-	-
TOTAL (8 CITIES)	NUMBER	14,090	13,818	- 1.93	349	386	10.60
	VALUE $.	115,845,214	132,770,571	14.61	2,665,973	5,739,583	115.29
TOTAL (82 Towns & Villages)	VALUE $.	19,745,199	15,054,135	- 23.76	135,750	545,003	301.48

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	6,825	5,648	- 17.25	126	134	6.35
	Value $.	80,982,600	58,595,300	- 27.64	2,206,500	1,353,400	-38.66
BUSINESS	Number	875	807	- 7.77	22	26	18.18
	Value $.	60,113,700	86,401,400	43.73	3,198,100	1,413,300	-55.81
INDUSTRIAL	Number	123	87	- 29.27	13	1	- 92.31
	Value $.	9,836,600	24,476,200	148.83	791,000	9,500	- 98.80
ENGINEERING	Number	331	279	- 15.71	10	16	60.00
	Value $.	64,078,000	49,732,100	- 22.39	1,929,900	2,211,700	14.60
TOTAL	NUMBER	8,154	6,821	- 16.35	171	177	3.51
	VALUE $.	215,010,900	219,205,000	1.95	8,125,500	4,937,900	- 38.61

(1) Source: Building Reporter, February, 1955, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954.

	1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33,009	47,367	43.50	22,158	26,145	17.99
Elk Island - - - - - - - - - - - -	600	1,200	100.00	300	450	50.00
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	488	419	- 14.14	232	183	- 21.12
TOTAL - - - - - - - - -	34,097	48,986	43.67	22,690	26,778	18.02

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	358	380	6.15	12	19	58.33
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	15,802	16,790	6.25	34	195	473.53
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - - - -	11,289	11,363	.66	-	-	-
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	38,153	39,012	2.25	1,442	1,498	3.88
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,409	1,469	4.26	43	115	167.44
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - - - -	693	792	14.29	15	17	13.33
TOTAL - - - - - - - -	67,704	69,806	3.10	1,546	1,844	19.28

---

(1) SOURCE: Travel between Canada and the United States -- Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

DECEMBER - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,107,980	1,306,900	-	1,345,155	618,905	5,378,940
AA-	4,128,207	2,000,390	-	14,945☆	78,505	6,192,157
B-	265,895	-	-	-	-	265,895
BB-	38,622	121,060	98,304	614,948	-	872,934
C-	1,561,259	873,742	228,847☆	392,688	-	2,598,842
G-	274,925	457,171	474,390	7,830,676	-	9,037,162
G-	4,723,708	1,347,765	95,173	1,047,573	-	7,214,219
J-	14,961,933	6,381,646	1,332	3,239,651	135,345☆	24,449,217
L-	1,329,685	-	-	-	-	1,329,685
M-	56,490	119,490	1,610	484,085	2,380	664,055
N-	3,173,485	720,020	3,115☆	910,350	171,640	4,972,380
O-	2,651	-	-	128,975	-	131,626
P-	82,458	-	-	-	-	82,458
TOTAL	32,707,298	13,328,184	438,847	15,979,156	736,085	63,189,570

☆ Adjustment - Deductd.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

BY TYPES:	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	93,691,433	77,361,877	- 17.43	5,053,840	5,706,944	12.92
Boots and Shoes	2,880,937	2,640,510	- 8.35	118,692	225,091	89.64
Drugs	8,487,858	8,918,334	5.07	521,557	553,500	6.12
Dry Goods	13,420,958	12,012,327	- 10.50	649,174	621,453	- 4.27
Electrical Appliances and Radios	45,444,087	47,908,144	5.42	1,685,412	1,819,504	7.96
Florists	515,011	508,941	- 1.18	11,916	21,868	83.52
Furniture	5,635,842	4,182,752	- 25.78	207,206	234,998	13.41
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	143,485,218	148,120,386	3.23	9,691,851	10,451,430	7.84
Hardware	70,933,705	61,505,185	- 13.29	3,083,991	3,561,778	15.49
Lumber and Building Supplies	48,714,798	49,781,159	2.19	1,982,722	2,941,007	48.33
Machinery, Agricultural	62,808,303	40,079,750	- 36.19	1,210,975	864,405	- 28.62
Machinery, Other	27,057,228	22,654,227	- 16.27	937,163	1,037,176	10.67
Paints and Varnishes	8,716,977	8,549,348	- 1.92	308,027	300,189	- 2.54
Paper	10,086,016	9,779,045	- 3.04	670,033	726,410	8.41
Tobacco	19,495,088	19,853,741	1.84	1,338,497	1,411,615	5.46
Oilfield Supplies	9,982,846	12,474,536	24.96	518,470	855,728	65.05
Carbonated Beverages	20,244,810	18,631,183	- 7.97	860,951	1,076,843	25.08
Miscellaneous	56,960,165	55,220,430	- 3.05	3,099,342	3,490,651	12.63
TOTAL	648,561,280	600,181,875	- 7.46	31,949,819	35,900,590	12.37
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	156,371,067	145,932,784	- 6.68	7,653,081	8,860,187	15.77
Edmonton	133,857,750	129,710,389	- 3.10	6,912,812	7,983,420	15.49
Lethbridge	20,924,385	20,373,625	- 2.63	1,018,200	1,253,246	23.08
Medicine Hat	2,104,941	2,039,736	- 3.10	31,656	50,756	60.34
Smaller Centres	10,443,657	9,574,032	- 8.33	539,686	639,961	18.58
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	324,859,480	292,551,309	- 9.95	15,794,384	17,113,020	8.35
TOTAL	648,561,280	600,181,875	- 7.46	31,949,819	35,900,590	12.37

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (December)	1 9 5 4 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	987,408,000 (a)	932,475,000	- 5.56	92,422,000 (a)	94,728,000 (a)	2.50
Grocery and Combination Store	125,376,000	138,550,000	10.51	12,150,000	14,354,000	18.14
Meat Stores	14,726,000	14,998,000	1.85	1,553,000	1,566,000	.84
Country General Stores	59,342,000	55,903,000	- 5.80	6,163,000	5,781,000	- 6.20
Department Stores	102,583,000	102,978,000	.39	13,277,000	14,366,000	8.20
Variety Store	12,277,000	12,483,000	1.68	2,323,000	2,499,000	7.58
Motor Vehicle Dealers	211,358,000	177,686,000	- 15.93	13,502,000	12,570,000	- 6.90
Garage and Filling Stations	55,579,000	53,484,000	- 3.77	4,289,000	4,229,000	- 1.40
Men's Clothing Stores	16,498,000	15,126,000	- 8.32	2,637,000	2,627,000	- .38
Family Clothing Stores	12,496,000	11,309,000	- 9.50	1,696,000	1,680,000	- .94
Women's Clothing Stores	19,537,000	18,236,000	- 6.66	2,320,000	2,364,000	1.90
Shoe Stores	5,300,000	5,077,000	- 4.21	531,000	527,000	- .75
Hardware Stores	28,296,000	25,334,000	- 10.47	3,435,000	3,345,000	- 2.62
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	59,726,000	52,394,000	- 12.28	4,090,000	4,066,000	- .59
Furniture Store	11,420,000	10,445,000	- 8.54	1,109,000	1,158,000	4.42
Appliances and Radio Stores	18,298,000	19,158,000	4.70	1,906,000	2,194,000	15.11
Restaurants	39,474,000	33,967,000	- 13.95	3,109,000	2,744,000	- 11.74
Coal and Wood Dealers	594,000	552,000	- 7.07	61,000	(b)	-
Drug Stores	21,022,000	20,798,000	- 1.07	2,478,000	2,533,000	2.22
Jewellery Stores	7,536,000	7,233,000	- 4.02	1,664,000	1,618,000	- 2.76
Tobacco Stores	1,934,000	1,808,000	- 6.51	231,000	(b)	-
All Other Trades	164,032,000	154,956,000	- 5.53	13,899,000	14,241,000	2.46

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individuals operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st January, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 55, No. 1, January, 1955

Labour requirements continued to decline in the Prairie region in December. The construction, agriculture, transport, lake shipping, coal mining and some manufacturing industries released a substantial number of workers for seasonal and other reasons during the month. By mid-December the number of persons with jobs were lower than at November 20 but still higher than a year earlier.

Mainly responsible for the year-to-year increase in employment was the strength of construction and allied industries. A slower decline than usual occurred in these activities during the month owing to continuing mild weather. Residential construction was particularly active for the season since the volume of work undertaken in the last half of 1954 was larger than in the same period in 1953.

Ten areas in the prairie region were reclassified during the month - nine from the balanced to moderate labour surplus category and one from the moderate to the substantial surplus category. Of the 20 areas in the region, three were in balance, 16 were in the moderate and one was in the substantial surplus category at the beginning of January.

EDMONTON - Metropolitan Edmonton remained in the moderate labour surplus group. Seasonal reductions in employment accelerated during December. These decreases were confined to outdoor activities and were partially offset by hirings in retail stores for the Christmas trade. All industries recorded year-to-year increases but the greatest strength was in construction.

CALGARY - Metropolitan Calgary remained in the moderate labour surplus group. With the exception of the construction industry, employment levels changed very little during the month. All segments of construction were releasing workers, although the residential and commercial sectors were more active than a year ago.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st of January, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At DECEMBER 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1954
			$	$	
Mining	119.7	118.1	77.26	79.55	18,322
Coal	71.4	54.5	65.45	65.09	4,400
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	186.3	203.1	82.35	83.75	12,539
Manufacturing	128.2	129.7	60.55	62.89	26,150
Food and Beverages	121.0	120.1	59.27	62.12	8,832
Meat Products	127.7	127.3	65.45	69.83	4,043
Wood Products	106.0	107.8	49.40	47.35	2,860
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	105.7	103.5	57.36	60.40	1,173
Iron and Steel Products	147.4	146.1	67.40	71.29	2,658
Transportation Equipment	158.7	133.1	61.98	63.36	3,938
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	115.4	129.2	56.73	61.59	2,033
Products of Petroleum and Coal	129.5	134.1	81.25	81.75	1,285
Construction	181.0	202.7	62.43	66.31	22,413
Buildings and Structures (k)	201.1	218.4	65.00	70.01	13.368
Highways, Bridges and Streets	156.0	183.3	58.33	60.84	9,045
Transportation, Storage, Communication	114.3	111.8	62.47	63.36	23,276
Steam Railways	104.7	100.4	66.12	65.21	13,435
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	134.3	135.9	63.10	66.77	3,484
Storage	114.9	108.6	52.66	53.65	2,536
Trade-	131.5	132.4	49.86	51.57	26,401
Wholesale	127.8	128.7	54.45	57.53	8,804
Retail	133.5	134.3	47.45	48.59	17,597
Service	118.8	123.4	39.28	40.03	7,211
Hotels and Restaurants	111.7	116.3	39.16	38.85	4,763
Industrial Composite	130.1	133.1	59.71	61.68	134,050

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls,,December, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

at DECEMBER 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953 $	Dec. 1 1954 $	Dec. 1 1954
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	125.3	122.7	63.39	64.28	9,231
Foods and Beverages	118.1	117.9	62.35	64.07	2,958
Transportation Equipment	152.0	124.8	62.99	61.82	2,282
Construction	174.6	230.1	59.94	64.83	4,538
Wholesale Trade	120.7	120.8	55.43	57.86	3,755
Retail Trade	130.9	132.6	48.59	49.97	6,676
Industrial Composite	133.1	139.7	56.93	59.04	34,251
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	143.3	148.2	61.54	64.92	10,974
Foods and Beverages	128.5	128.3	60.47	64.41	3,890
Meat Products	133.4	133.7	63.38	67.88	2,737
Construction	180.8	196.0	66.40	71.46	7,753
Wholesale Trade	144.2	146.1	53.53	57.58	3,696
Retail Trade	137.3	139.9	47.54	48.04	8,099
Industrial Composite	148.4	154.4	56.64	59.59	39,122

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, December, 1954.

Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At DECEMBER 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1954
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	35.5	35.1	182.2	182.6	64.68	64.09	3,718
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.9	46.0	170.1	172.1	76.37	79.17	4,554
Manufacturing	41.1	41.1	142.9	148.8	58.73	61.16	18,560
Foods and Beverages	40.7	40.8	139.7	145.7	56.86	59.45	6,154
Meat Products	39.9	41.4	154.8	163.0	61.77	67.48	2,904
Transportation Equipment	40.5	40.9	152.1	152.9	61.60	62.54	3,125
Buildings and Structures (h)	38.6	41.5	167.4	165.2	64.62	68.56	10,897
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	39.5	39.9	148.1	150.7	58.50	60.13	2,048
Services (j)	41.0	40.5	92.7	92.0	38.01	37.26	4,366

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, December, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.

(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, JANUARY 1, 1955, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955 $	Jan. 1 1954 $
Newfoundland	122.3	125.4	163.2	173.6	50.08	51.97
Prince Edward Island	103.2	105.8	133.2	135.8	43.67	43.23
Nova Scotia	97.0	97.5	125.3	126.2	48.33	48.41
New Brunswick	103.0	99.7	137.4	128.5	50.44	48.78
Quebec	109.7	108.7	150.2	143.0	56.22	54.03
Ontario	108.1	112.3	151.1	148.9	61.25	58.67
Manitoba	103.6	104.7	136.9	134.4	56.22	54.62
Saskatchewan	115.9	115.9	158.0	153.8	56.40	55.01
Alberta	128.4	124.7	171.1	162.1	59.11	57.77
British Columbia	104.0	103.2	143.2	139.5	62.86	61.67
Canada - Composite Index	109.1	109.9	149.3	145.3		
Canada - Manufacturing	103.2	108.0	143.6	143.7	60.89	58.24
Canada - Composite Figure					58.55	56.56

SOURCE: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division,

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.